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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with the Secretary of Defense, 6 October 1978

5. I raised the DIA building.

a. The question came up of whether the S&I team looked at Langley and the Langley options. I told him I didn't know, but that they had not come to me and that I was really the only person at Langley enthusiastically in support of bringing the DIA building out there. Therefore, I thought I had been had a little bit.

b. Brown and Duncan agreed to review the merits of the DIA building once more other than subjective judgments on whether bringing it out here would lead to DIA being absorbed by CIA. The principal objective factor that we want to take into consideration is the cost differentials. Secretary Duncan implied that these were very minor and harkened back to the original study on this issue. I reminded him we had discredited that study and done another one. He, in turn, said the figures in that study were discredited. I took the position that whether that were the case or not, there clearly were savings to be had on a one-time and on an annual basis. Secretary Brown said we should try to come up with what the real cost figures are, including those associated with "time delay." Neither Duncan nor I could get a clear understanding of what was meant by "time delay." I'd like to have [redacted] rescrub those figures and come back to me with his view of what the best figures are, and where he knows or thinks OSD will disagree with them. I'd like to include [redacted] recent statement to me that there will be substantial savings in the transmission system for SAFE between CIA and DIA if the buildings are located within one mile of each other.

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